

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claim 2 to read, as follows.

1. **(Previously Presented)** An image forming apparatus, comprising:

image forming means for forming an image on an image bearing member;

first transfer means for transferring the image on said image bearing member onto an intermediate transfer body at a first transfer position;

second transfer means which includes a transfer member attachable to and detachable from said intermediate transfer body and transfers the image on said intermediate transfer body onto a transferring material at a second transfer position;

cleaning means which includes a cleaning member attachable to and detachable from said intermediate transfer body, brings said cleaning member into contact with a surface of said intermediate transfer body, and cleans a contact surface of said intermediate transfer body; and

control means for performing a control so that a subsequent image forming area does not overlap at a position where said cleaning member initially contacts said intermediate transfer body and is not cleaned by said cleaning means.

2. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus, comprising:

image forming means for forming an image on an image bearing member;

first transfer means for transferring the image on said image bearing member onto an intermediate transfer body at a first transfer position;

second transfer means which includes a transfer member and transfer output means and transfers the image on said intermediate transfer body onto a transferring material at a second transfer position, said transfer member means being attachable to and detachable from said intermediate transfer body, said transfer output means applying a transfer output to said transfer member;

said second transfer means performing a voltage-current detection operation on said transfer member when no image is formed and determining the transfer output of the transferring operation based on a detection result of the detection operation;

cleaning means which has a cleaning member attachable to and detachable from said intermediate transfer body, brings said cleaning member to a surface of said intermediate transfer body, and cleans a contact surface of said intermediate transfer body; and

control means for performing a control so that a detection area of the detection operation does not overlap at a position where said cleaning member initially contacts said intermediate transfer body or separates from said intermediate transfer body and is not cleaned by said cleaning means.

3. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus, comprising:

image forming means for forming an image on an image bearing member,

first transfer means for transferring the image on said image bearing member onto an intermediate transfer body at a first transfer position;

second transfer means which includes a transfer member attachable to and detachable from said intermediate transfer body and transfers the image on said intermediate transfer body onto a transferring material at a second transfer position;

cleaning means which includes a cleaning member attachable to and detachable from said intermediate transfer body, brings said cleaning member into contact with a surface of said intermediate transfer body, and cleans a contact surface of said intermediate transfer body; and

control means for performing a control so that a contact area in a subsequent contacting operation of said transfer member and an image forming area do not overlap at a position where said cleaning member separates from said intermediate transfer body and is not cleaned by said cleaning means.

4. **(Previously Presented)** The image forming apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising a position reference portion provided on said intermediate transfer body; and

position detecting means for detecting said position reference portion,

wherein the control means performs a control based on information from said position detecting means.